

THE LORD'S DAY

May 7, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:55 AM)

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 35:27-28*

*INVOCATION

*HYMN: **Trinity 164** - *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

CORPORATE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. According to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

All: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities. Cleanse us from our sins. We know our transgressions. Our sins are ever before us.

Minister: Against You, You alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless when You pass judgment.

All: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach us wisdom in our secret hearts. Hide Your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities.

Minister: Create in us a clean heart, O God and put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit.

All: Then we will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *1 John 1:7-9*

*GLORIA PATRI - **Trinity 735**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 167*

Q. 167. How is our baptism to be improved by us?

A. The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by

endeavouring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalm 32* (Insert)

ANTHEM: *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds* (Handbells)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: *Cora and Avery Stevenson*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN: **Bible Songs 66** - *Blessedness of Pardon* (Ps 32)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: *Acts 22:22-23:11* (p. 932, LP p. 1108)

SERMON: "Being Shrewd as Serpents and Bold as Lions"

*HYMN: **Insert** - *Before the Throne of God Above* (Stanzas 1-2)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (**Bread** is gluten free; **Wine** is on the outer ring)

*HYMN: **Insert** - *Before the Throne of God Above* (Stanza 3)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY - **Trinity 731**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ, the risen Son, And the fellowship of God the Spirit, keep our hearts and minds within his love. And to him be praise for his glorious reign from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n, We declare the name of the Lamb once slain, Christ eternal, the King of Kings.

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, if able*

If you are visiting with us, please complete a Visitor's Card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

If you need prayer, an elder is available following the service by the door to the anteroom.